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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That may be done, Sir, in a partial way by sanctioning about Rs. 50 lakhs immediately to execute the pending and half-completed schemes."

9-40 a.m. DR. K. B. MENON :—" In rural electrification do the Government make any demand on the people and did the President of the Madurantakam Panchayat Board agree to the demand? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Panchayat Board President met me yesterday but said that they were unable to make any contribution."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :— " தற்போது சென்னை அரசாங்கம் எலெக்டிரிசிடி புது லயினுக்காக ரூ. 50 லட்சம் கொடுப்பதாக மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். தனிப்பட்ட லைசென்ஸ்தார்கள் இந்த உதவியால் வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. தஞ்சை, திருச்சி, இராமநாதபுரம் ஆகிய ஜில்லாக்களுக்கு செய்து கொடுக்காததற்கு காரணம் என்ன என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்வாரா ?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்த கேள்வி மதுராந்தகம் தாலூக்காவைப் பற்றியது. இப்பொழுது இதைக் கேட்பது சரியில்லை."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" The Hon. Minister was telling that these works would be taken up for execution in the order of priority. With a view to get a definite answer, may I know the stage at which these two works stand in the order of priority, the schemes that are to be executed before these two schemes are taken up and when these two schemes will be taken up? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Offhand I cannot give the information. A separate question may be put."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" இதற்காக ரூ. 50 லட்சம் ஒதுக்கப்படலாமென்று அவர் சொன்னார் ஆகையால் தான் கேட்கிறேன். அரசாங்கம் புது லயினுக்கு எப்போது கொடுக்கும் என்றாவது சொல்வாரா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" தனியாக கேள்வி கேளுங்கள்."

*Election to the Baliapatam Panchayat Board, North Malabar.*

* 235 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state when the postponed election to the Baliapatam Panchayat Board, North Malabar, will be held?

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The election to the Baliapatnam Panchayat (Malabar) was completed on 19th October 1953."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Why was the election postponed? "

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THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" On account of monsoon rains, it was postponed."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Has there ever been any precedent in history where merely because of monsoon rains, election was put off in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" This year the rain was so heavy that the election had to be postponed."

*Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode.*

* 236 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of beds increased in the Kozhikode Headquarters Hospital after the hospital has been shifted from the old building to the new; and

(*b*) how many attenders have been increased due to the increase in bed strength?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A proposal for the increase of bed-strength of the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, consequent on its shifting to the new building and employment of additional staff, is under consideration in connection with the next year's budget."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Have the Government received a report from the District Medical Officer, Kozhikode, to the effect that the workload of the attenders had increased enormously and that additional staff should be sanctioned immediately? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" സാർ, കോഴിക്കോട്ട ആസ്പത്രിയിൽ രോഗികൾ എത്രയും അധികമായതിനാൽ (അവിടെ രണ്ടു് ബ്ലോക്കുകൾ എടുക്കുവാനുള്ള പണി നിർത്തിവെച്ചിരിക്കയാണു്). ഈ രണ്ടു ബ്ലോക്കുകളുടെ പ്രവൃത്തി പൂർത്തിയാക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു അടിയന്തരമായി എടുക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Information on this matter has been called for from the Director of Medical Services."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" In view of the fact that the number of attenders has not been increased in proportion to the increase in the bed-strength and the attenders are finding it difficult to attend on every patient, will the Government take immediate steps to increase the number of attenders? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" By ' attenders ' the hon. Member means ward-boys."